

Listing of the Claims: Please replace any previous listing of the claims with the following:

Claims 1-18 (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) An adhesive tape comprising:
a stretch base material;
an adhesive layer comprising a plurality of rectilinear grooves disposed on said base material, wherein said grooves extend ~~horizontally~~ in a the tape width direction and are arranged in an array configuration in the a longitudinal direction of said tape;
said grooves not containing adhesive thereby facilitating breathability; and
said grooves not extending across the entire width of said tape but having adhesive between said grooves.

20. (Previously Presented) The tape of claim 19 wherein a length of said grooves changes stepwise repeating a gradual increase and decrease in said tape longitudinal direction.

21. (Currently Amended) The tape of claim 19 wherein a spacing between adjacent grooves decreases stepwise from a shortest groove toward a longest groove.

22. (Currently Amended) The tape of claim 19 wherein a spacing between adjacent grooves increases stepwise from a shortest groove toward a longest groove.

23. (Previously Presented) The tape of claim 19 wherein said base material is exposed through said grooves.

24. (Previously Presented) The tape of claim 19 wherein said grooves are disposed parallel to each other.

25. (Previously Presented) The tape of claim 19 wherein a width of said grooves changes with expansion and contraction of said tape.

26. (Previously Presented) The tape of claim 19 wherein a thickness of said adhesive layer changes with expansion and contraction of said tape thereby changing a depth of said grooves.

27. (Previously Presented) The tape of claim 19 further comprising a peelable exfoliate layer disposed on said adhesive layer.

28. (Previously Presented) The tape of claim 19 wherein said array comprises a repetitive pattern.

29. (Previously Presented) The tape of claim 19 wherein said grooves are not arranged at regular spacing in said longitudinal direction.

30. (Previously Presented) The tape of claim 19 wherein said grooves comprise different lengths.